Expected Outcomes: Articulate, develop, and apply knowledge

Graduates are able to articulate, develop, and apply advanced knowledge of plant pathology and related sciences in creative and innovative ways.

Assessment methods

Method: Preliminary and thesis defenses

Students will successfully complete their oral examinations (up to two attempts) and complete their thesis. Students are rated on their subject matter knowledge and ability to conduct and present original research.

Findings:

In 2011-2012, all students passed their final oral examinations and thesis defenses and were rated as good to excellent by their dissertation committee members. All students gained employment in their areas of expertise.

How did you use findings for improvement?

We are constantly evaluating our class offerings to determine areas to enhance student learning. We replaced the audio visual computer equipment in the laboratory room this year.

Additional comments:

Several students commented on their exit interview that they appreciated the dedication of our faculty, our helpfulness in making sure they graduated, and how much they have been provided (computers, opportunities to go to meetings, etc.) by their advisors and the department.